

If Statehood Bill Will Take Advantage of the New Low Tulsa Freight Rates He Will Soon Be Off the Bum and Sitting in State

## AN AWFUL EARTHQUAKE IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY

Police Patrol Carting Dead From the Buildings.---World Issued Extra Giving First News of the Horror.---Late News Develops New Horrors.

### WORST CALAMITY IN HISTORY OF THE COAST

Waterworks Demolished and Destruction of Entire Business Section is Feared. Three Miles of Railway Sink From Sight. Last Shock Shortly After 8 A. M. Two Thousand People Reported Killed. Wires Down and Details of Disaster Not Fully Known.

(From this morning's Extra Edition.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 18.—VIA ASHFORK, ARIZONA, AT 5:13 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, OCCURRED THE MOST TERRIFIC EARTHQUAKE KNOWN IN THE HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC COAST. BUILDINGS TOPPLED AND FELL IN EVERY DIRECTION. THE POLICE PATROL IS CARTING THE DEAD FROM THE BUILDINGS. FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE WHOLESALE BUILDINGS NEAR THE WATER FRONT AND IN OTHER LOCALITIES. THERE IS NO WATER TO FIGHT IT. DYNAMITE IS BEING USED. THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH BUILDING IS PARTIALLY WRECKED AND MOST OF THE POSTAL EMPLOYEES FLED FOR THEIR LIVES. AT 7:30 COMMUNICATION ON A SINGLE WIRE WITH ASHFORK AND LOS ANGELES WAS RESTORED. THE SHOCK WAS FELT AS FAR SOUTH AS SANTA BARBARA, BUT NOT FELT AT LOS ANGELES. ALL THE POWER LINES IN THE CITY ARE WRECKED. THE PACIFIC CABLE IS NOT DAMAGED, BUT THE LOSS OF POWER HAS SERIOUSLY CRIPPLED COMMUNICATION. THE POSTAL ELECTRICIAN AND OTHERS ARE NOW ENDEAVORING TO RESTORE COMMUNICATION. IT IS UNSAFE YET TO REMAIN IN THE OFFICES. THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT SHOCK EVERY FEW MINUTES SINCE THE HEAVY ONE. THERE WAS A TERRIBLE PANIC IN THE CITY, EVERY ONE RUSHING TO THE STREETS. MANY HUNDREDS ARE REPORTED KILLED ON SOUTH MARKET ST. WHERE THE FIRE IS RAGING. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OF A SERIOUS NATURE OR LOSS OF LIFE IN THE RESIDENCE DISTRICTS. EARLY ESTIMATES PLACE THE LOSS OF LIFE AT ELEVEN HUNDRED.

THE WATER AND SEWERAGE ARE SPOUTING INTO THE STREETS FROM THE GROUND AS A RESULT OF BROKEN MAINS. THE FIRE IS CONTINUING TO SPREAD IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WHOLE CITY IS FEARED.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 18.—VICE PRESIDENT FAY OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC ARRIVED HERE AND REPORTS THAT THE DEAD WILL REACH TWO THOUSAND.

CHICAGO, APRIL 18.—A ROCK ISLAND MESSAGE, SENT AT 11:45, SAYS THAT SAN FRANCISCO IS BEING BESET BY CONTINUOUS EARTHQUAKES AND THAT THE FIRE IS WORKING TOWARD THE DOCKS UNMOLESTED, AS THE WATER WORKS ARE OUT OF COMMISSION.

NEW YORK, APRIL 18.—HUTTON & CO., MERCHANTS, RECEIVED A DISPATCH AT 11:45: "THE BEST AND MOST ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING SAN FRANCISCO INDICATES THAT THE WHOLE CITY IS BURNING. FROM THE HIGHEST POINT OF SAN JOSE, SAN FRANCISCO CAN BE SEEN ABLAZE."

NEW YORK, APRIL 18.—A WESTERN UNION MESSAGE FROM SACRAMENTO SAYS THAT THE HEAVY EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS STOPPED AT 5:15. THREE MILES OF RAILWAY ARE SUNK OUT OF SIGHT BETWEEN SUISAN AND BENECIA, AND THE WIRES WENT WITH THE TRACK. AT PLEASANTON THE RAILROAD CARS WERE TURNED OVER. AT TRACY THE CHIMNEYS FELL. THERE ARE BIG FIRES IN BERKELEY AND OAKLAND, BOTH SUBURBS.

LOS ANGELES, APRIL 18.—THREE HUNDRED DEAD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE MECHANICS' PAVILION HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A MORGUE. MORE CORPSES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING BROUGHT IN. THE FLAMES ARE BLAZING IN A DOZEN PLACES. THE UTTER RUIN OF THE BUSINESS SECTION IS INEVITABLE.

OGDEN, UTAH, APRIL 18.—A WIRE FROM THE UNION PACIFIC WEST OF HERE SAYS THE EARTHQUAKE SEEMS TO HAVE EXTENDED SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES.

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 P. M.—THE LAST SHOCK WAS NEARLY AS SEVERE AS THE FIRST. MANY BUILDINGS WHICH SURVIVED THE FIRST SHOCK AND SERIES OF QUIVERINGS TUMBLED WHEN THE FINAL HEAVE CAME. IT ADDED TO THE PANIC ALREADY PREVAILING. AS NEARLY AS WORDS CAN TELL, THE EARTHQUAKE BEGAN WITH A SLIGHT TREMBLE, FOLLOWED BY A HEAVING SENSATION, WHICH DEVELOPED INSTANTLY INTO A SEVERE SHAKING AND ENDING IN A TERRIFIC SHUD-

NEWS BULLETINS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO DISASTER WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE WORLD OFFICE TONIGHT.

DER. BIG BUILDINGS ROCKED LIKE SHIPS AT SEA. THEY THEN CRUMBLLED AND CRASHED INTO RUINS, CATCHING SCORES OF PERSONS. THE PANIC STRICKEN PEOPLE STAGGERED AS THEY WALKED, ASKING EACH OTHER QUESTIONS. A HIGH WIND PREVAILED, BLOWING THE FLAMES FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING AND SCATTERING EMBERS OVER THE ENTIRE CITY. MANY CORPSES WERE BROUGHT TO TEMPORARY MORGUES BADLY MANGLED. APPLICATION WAS MADE TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR THE USE OF TRANSPORTS TO TAKE THE VICTIMS TO SEA FOR BURIAL. SEVERE DAMAGE WAS DONE AT BERKELEY AND OAKLAND. THE RAILROAD TRAINS ARE RUNNING IN THAT SECTION BUT SLOWLY OWING TO LACK OF WIRES. IN THE GROUND BELOW KEARNEY STREET THE SAND IS TEN FEET DEEP IN PLACES.

WASHINGTON—AT 12:30 THE SEISMOGRAUH WAS STILL RECORDING VIBRATIONS, BUT THE OSCILLATIONS WERE GRADUALLY WEAKENING.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.—A WESTERN UNION DISPATCH AT 11:45 SAYS. "SAN FRANCISCO FIRE IS BEYOND CONTROL AND IS NOW DESTROYING MARKET STREET, AND HAS REACHED THE PALACE HOTEL. BOTH THE WESTERN UNION AND POSTAL BUILDINGS ARE COMPLETELY DESTROYED. THE LOSS OF LIFE IS NOW ESTIMATED AT TWO THOUSAND."

SAN FRANCISCO—THE LAST SHOCK WAS FELT AT 8:17. THE FERRIES ARE ALL ENGAGED IN CARRYING PEOPLE TO PLACES OF SAFETY. THE INHABITANTS ARE FLEEING BY THE THOUSANDS. IN THE PANIC MANY DROP DEAD IN THE STREET. THE EXAMINER BUILDING IS BADLY WRECKED. THE CALL BUILDING IS ALMOST DEMOLISHED. ON THIRD STREET THERE IS NOT A BUILDING UNDAUNTED. WHEN A MANY STORY OFFICE BUILDING TOPPLED OVER IT BURIED THE ADJOINING PROPERTY. MORE THAN A HUNDRED DEAD ARE REPORTED IN A MISSION STREET LODGING HOUSE. THE BUILDINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRE A HEAP OF RUINS.

San Francisco, April 18.—Owing to the panic little headway is being made either in gathering the dead and injured or fighting the fire. The utmost confusion exists. Business is suspended. The fire is now (eleven o'clock) within a block of the Palace hotel. The city hall, a magnificent structure, which cost seven millions of dollars, is wrecked. The area of the greatest destruction covers about fifty blocks. In this district many buildings are almost totally destroyed. The greatest damage is between Market street and the Bay. Buildings in the following streets have been destroyed: First, Tremont, Beal, Main, Spear, Stuart and East South. This is largely a manufacturing district. The financial quarter is comparatively undamaged. More than a thousand buildings were destroyed.

San Francisco, April 18.—The first serious shock occurred at 5:13.

Bulletin—San Francisco, April 18.—Great damage was done here early today by an earthquake. Many lives were lost and the telegraph companies were driven from their offices. Communication is broken. At 6:30 the shocks still prevailed. The waterworks are wrecked and fire has broken out.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18.—The local superintendent of the Postal Telegraph company says the latest information at 9:30 is that San Francisco's business section is on fire. Communication is still broken.

Washington, April 18.—The seismograph needle in the weather bureau was thrown violently from side to side at 8:30 o'clock, Eastern time, this morning.

San Francisco is the metropolis of the Pacific coast, and with the exception of St. Louis is the largest city in the United States west of the Mississippi river. The United States census of 1900 reported its population to be 342,782. The city has a large Chinese population, which live in a district exclusively their own.

The city was founded October 8th, 1776, by two Priars, Francisco Palon, and Benito Cambon. It has up to this time been singularly free from catastrophes of any kind.

Carlos of Lawrence, Kansas, will be present. All candidates for initiation and all members in Tulsa or elsewhere are requested to be present and assist in making this a red letter day for the F. A. A. in Indian Territory.

W. A. M'DERMOTT, Pres. JACOB MORAN, Secretary.

THE GRAND IS SAFE.

We, the undersigned architect and contractors of Tulsa, I. T., have this day made a careful inspection of the Grand opera house building, seeking to locate any defects that might be discernable, but we pronounce the building absolutely safe in all respects and are willing to go on record that there is not a safer building in the city. No one need have fear of accident in attending plays in the house.

Dated at Tulsa this 18th day of April, 1906.

JOHN HANSEL. J. W. EPPERSON. L. P. CLIFTON. G. W. FORESMAN.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING.

The next regular meeting of the club occurs tomorrow night. Several important matters will come up for consideration. All members are urged to be present.

#### ANOTHER BUILDING.

Contract Let Today for the Bible, on Main Street.

The contract for erecting the Bible building on Main street, next to the Hancock building, now in course of construction, was let today to J. Bradley, who will commence work at once, and is already getting his material ready.

The building will be according to plans made by Architect Glandfield, will be two stories in height, and will be in area 125x25 feet. It will be modern in design, of best material, and intended for office and store purposes.

#### PREPARING FOR ENCAMPMENT.

Committees of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. are busy making arrangements for the coming Grand Army encampment in this city next month.

The occasion will be a great one, and will bring many old soldiers to this city. It will be the last this section will probably witness, as the veterans are fast going to their last homes. One evening will be devoted to a literary and musical entertainment, and nothing will be left undone that will contribute to the pleasure of the guests.

#### AN ACQUAINTANCE MEETING.

At the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tonight.

As announced on Sunday, there will be an acquaintance meeting held at the M. E. church, south, tonight, at which it is intended to bring the new and old members more closely together and knit them more firmly in the ties of love.

The pastor, the Reverend J. H. Ball, earnestly invites his entire congregation to be present and help make the gathering pleasant and profitable to all.

#### ANOTHER GOOD DINNER.

##### LADIES OF TRINITY THIS TIME.

Fed One Hundred and Sixty People Yesterday.

The ladies of the Guild of Trinity church gave a dinner yesterday which yielded satisfaction not only to those who ate it, but also to those who prepared and served it. When the World, in announcing this meal, said it would be excellent, it knew what it was talking about, but even the World was very agreeably surprised at the trouble and care to which the ladies had gone in order to tickle the palate and please the taste of every man and woman in Tulsa.

Preparing and serving a dinner, such as the one referred to, is no easy task, and it is very doubtful if the ladies of any church would undertake one were not the needs of their church pressing and imperative. They deserve success and they deserve encouragement.

The ladies of Trinity fed 160 people yesterday, and gave them a dinner well cooked, well served and of great variety. They gave good value for 25c, and that is what everybody wanted and what everybody was pleased with.

They labored under a disadvantage in not being able to secure the room they expected to use, and which they had advertised, and were compelled to move into another at the eleventh hour. In spite of this, however, they realized a handsome sum of money for their church.

#### DENTISTS ROBBED.

Yesterday, while Messrs. Selby and Owens, the popular dentists, were at dinner, their office in the Friend and Jones building on East Second street was entered and robbed of \$40 worth of gold. Dr. Owens had taken a package of gold out of the post office that morning, and it and all they had for filling purposes was taken. There is no clue to the thief. A similar robbery took place in Oklahoma City last week.

#### BURIED THIS MORNING.

J. D. Rose's seven year old son died yesterday of spinal meningitis, and was buried this morning by Mowbray & Winterringer. The parents live at Red Fork.

## 1,600 BARRELS WASTING DAILY

OIL FLOWING FROM WELL OVER SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

### NOBODY GETTING BENEFIT

Peculiar Conditions Prevailing on Lot 73 in the Osage Nation on "Improved" Land.

Oil wasting at the rate of 1,600 barrels a day is the condition of affairs on lot 73, in the Osage Nation. The policy of the government has brought about this extravagance and under existing rules and regulations nothing can be done to prevent this great waste.

The conditions are peculiar, and will be interesting reading to those unacquainted with them, therefore they are briefly related.

The well was drilled on lot 73 by the Devonian Oil company of this city. Lot 73 lies in the Osage country, about half way between this city and the Kansas line, or about 25 miles due north from here. From the Kansas line to the Creek line, the Osage land is laid off in lots numbering from 1 up to several hundreds. These lots are covered by what is known as a "blanket" lease. A recent ruling of the department exempts improved or cultivated lots from the lease, and on these oil men are supposed to have no rights. Unimproved lots they can drill on, the Indians to receive as royalty one-eighth of the value of whatever may be developed—it used to be one-tenth.

When the Devonian drilled on lot 73 there was nothing but a wire fence around it. In no other way was it improved, and in no other way it is improved now, and the company, holding a sub-lease under the blanket lease, naturally thought it was one of those which came legally under the development provisions. They struck oil, a fine well, flowing easily 1,600 barrels daily. To the amazement of all concerned the Indian agent has declared that the lot is "improved," and prevents anyone from deriving any benefits from the oil.

The Devonian Oil company, after its work and expense of drilling, sees the oil flowing over the surrounding country; the Indians are losing the royalty, and all because of the red tape methods of a foolish and incompetent Indian bureau.

#### TRINITY EPISCOPAL GUILD.

The ladies of the guild of Trinity Episcopal church will meet at the church, corner of Cincinnati and Fifth streets, Thursday afternoon, next, at 2:30 o'clock. A large attendance is requested.

#### THE DAUGHTER OF JARIUS.

Given as a May Festival in Grand Opera House.

Reverend R. D. Baldwin and some of the members of Trinity Episcopal Church are preparing for a May festival in the Grand opera house early in the next month. All that can be learned about it so far is that the subject will be the "Daughter of Jarius" and music will be rendered by a choir of 80 voices. Further particulars will be announced later.

#### WANTS MORE ROOM.

Santa Fe Agent Trying to Buy More Land.

The Santa Fe railway company is needing more elbow room in Tulsa. It wants to enlarge, spread out, and in order to do so must have more land.

A Santa Fe agent is in the city now to accomplish this purpose if it is possible. His plans and purposes are not divulged and will not be until he either fails or succeeds in his object.

#### LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Northeast Circle of the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Hendershot, 516 South Cincinnati street, Thursday afternoon. All members are urged to be present.